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SUBJECT: VISIT TO US OF JAPANESE STUDY MISSION ON
REMOTE SENSING

REF: TOKYO 11732

1. WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT COMPLYING WITH REQUEST IN
REFTEL FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT WOULD BYPASS NORMAL REQUIRE-
MENT FOR GOJ SPONSORSHIP OF VISIT, ESPECIALLY FOR DIRECT
CONTACT WITH USG AGENCIES.

B. IT WOULD BYPASS THE JAPANESE EMBASSY AND PRECLUDE
THEIR AWARENESS OF VISIT. WE WOULD NOT WISH TO ASSUME
STANDARD FUNCTION OF JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

C. A PRECEDENT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED WHICH COULD
RESULT IN A FLOOD OF SIMILAR REQUESTS. GIVEN THE LARGE
NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL GROUPS FROM JAPAN WHICH TRAVEL IN
THE US, MAKING APPOINTMENTS COULD EASILY EXCEED OUR LIMITED
CAPACITY TO BE HELPFUL AND COULD GROW INTO A BROADER TRAVEL
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COORDINATION FUNCTION.

D. THE FACT THAT THE JAPANESE SYSTEM FOR ARRANGING SUCH VISITS IS NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY SHOULD NOT IMPLY THAT THE US SHOULD REPLACE A NORMAL GOJ ACTIVITY.

E. PREVIOUS NASA EXPERIENCE WITH JAPANESE VISITORS IS THAT A SINGLE CHANNEL MUST BE ADHERED TO IN ORDER TO AVOID PROLIFERATION OF REQUESTS THROUGH MANY CHANNELS. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IS THE MOST LOGICAL AND DIRECT CHANNEL AND WE RESPOND IN A COOPERATIVE MANNER WHEN REQUESTED.

F. THE COMPUTER USAGE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE IS APPARENTLY NOT A GOVERNMENTAL BODY.

2. WE HAVE CONSIDERED YOUR SUGGESTION PARA 4 REFTEL. WE FEEL THAT SINCE THE DELEGATION IS PRIMARILY A TECHNICAL ONE, A POLICY BRIEFING BY DOS WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE. THE BRIEFING AT GODDARD SHOULD COVER OUR POSITION SUFFICIENTLY.

3. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST THE JAPANESE EMBASSY UPON REQUEST. ALSO, IF YOU FEEL THAT OUR ARRANGING A PORTION OF THIS TOUR WILL BE OF SUFFICIENT ADVANTAGE TO YOUR RELATIONS WITH THE JAPANESE TO OVERRIDE THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED ABOVE, WE WILL ARRANGE FOR THE VISITS TO USG AGENCIES. IF YOU WISH US TO PROCEED, WE WOULD NEED THE FOLLOWING INFO:

A. WHICH CONTRACTORS ARE CONSIDERED MAJOR PER PARA 3?

B. WHAT ARE SPECIFIC INTERESTS OF VISITORS IN REMOTE SENSING?

C. NAMES, TITLES AND BUSINESS AFFILIATION OF VISITORS.

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